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Wednesday, the 9th December, 1936/24th Vrischikam, 1112.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven of the Clock, with Sachivothama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, K. C. I. E., Dewan-President, in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Travancore Government 3½ per cent. loan.

31 ***Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai** (*Municipal Councils*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how much has been subscribed by Travancoreans towards the Travancore Government three and a half per cent. loan 1936, and how much by outsiders;

(*b*) whether any agents or brokers have been employed for raising the loan, and, if so, who they are and what was the remuneration paid to them;

(*c*) whether the shares have been allotted, and, if so, when and what was the delay in allotting; and

(*d*) whether complaints have been received from the subscribers that their shares have not been allotted, and, if so, who is responsible for the delay?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar (*Financial Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Bh. Rs. 26,90,800 by Travancoreans and Bh. Rs. 2,53,09,200 by outsiders.

(*b*) Yes, It is not in the public interests to furnish the information.

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[Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar.]

(*c*) Yes. Immediately after the list of subscription to the loan was closed on the 8th July 1936. There was no delay.

(*d*) No.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: With regard to answer to part (*b*) may I know from Government what remuneration was given ?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: The answer is given that it is not in the public interest to furnish the information.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Sir, I don't want the names of the companies or persons but I want to know the amount of remuneration given ?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: The answer is the same as above.

President: Order, order. I think the honourable members are entitled to know on what grounds this answer is given. There was a certain amount of competition and there was an attempt made to force the hands of Government in certain respects. Negotiations were set on foot and the best possible rates were ascertained. In view of the possibility of people pushing up rates if this were made known, the only contingency open was legitimately to give this answer. Possibly in the course of half an hour it may be possible for me to satisfy the honourable members on this issue by giving a suitable explanation.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: With reference to part (*c*) of the answer, may I know how many days or weeks or months after the subscription list was closed shares were allotted ?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvamy Aiyar: The same day when the subscription list was closed. 18 per cent was allotted.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know when the surplus amount was returned ?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvamy Aiyar: In the course of a few days the whole thing was returned.

Dismissal of pupils from Munnar High School.

32. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether some pupils have been expelled from the Munnar English High School for disobeying the order prohibiting them from visiting plague-infected areas ;

(*b*) the number of pupils thus expelled ;

(*c*) whether the expulsion was not due to their going to visit Mahatma Gandhi ; and

(*d*) whether the said school is not being conducted by the Europeans and whether they will place the connected papers on the table ?

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